

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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## Diary Dates



14th Oct: Term Four Starts  
17th Oct: ShakeOut 2019!! -  
28th Oct: **LABOUR DAY - HOPSCOTCH CLOSED**  
30th Oct: B4 School Checks - 4 Year Olds - Preschool  
31st Oct: Dress Up Day - both centres

### Calendars, Greeting Cards or Diaries

We are underway with this years Calendars, Greeting Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads as a suggested Christmas present for family and friends. All orders need to be back by the **Friday 25th October** to ensure they arrive before Christmas. If you have any queries or need an extra order form please ask a staff member.

### Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap

**September to April** is when the ultraviolet radiation from the sun's rays is most intense in New Zealand. This is a reminder to you about sun protection for your children. We ask that you bring a named sunhat for your child. Please ensure your children's shoulders are covered and they do not wear string singlets. Children not wearing a hat or appropriate clothing are required to play in allocated shaded areas or indoors. Hopscotch will provide and apply SPF30+ sunscreen as required. If your child requires alternative sunblock to the one we provide please bring your own named bottle. As we will also be increasing our water play please also ensure a change of lighter weight **NAMED** clothing and a towel in their bag.



### B4 School Hearing & Vision checks

The vision/hearing technician from Waikids will be visiting the Preschool on Wednesday 30th October at 10am. Vicki Dixon will see four year old children who have not been seen for the above checks, or require re-checks from a previous visit. Parents will be notified of all outcomes from these checks and may be advised that their child requires a re-check or to seek further advice from another health professional. If you do not wish your child to be checked, or your child is currently under specialist care for their hearing or vision, please let us know.

### Mobile Ear Clinic

The mobile ear clinic will be visiting Otorohanga on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. This is a Free Ear Clinic Service for children. They can help with glue ear assessment and management, grommet checks, wax/foreign body removal and treatment of discharging ears. They'll be at the Otorohanga Club Carpark from 12.30 to 3.00pm. For enquiries regarding this service, please contact 07 838 3565.



### Sunhats

Although it probably doesn't feel like it this week, summer is meant to be on the way. We've been given a glimpse of it for a few days and hopefully the sun will return soon. Please can you bring a named sunhat for your children each day they attend.



## Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Child Protection, Cleaning, Ill Treatment of Children, and Pets. Our policies are on our website, please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.

## School Holidays

If your child is going to be absent in the school holidays from 30th September - 11th October please let a staff member know.

## National Shake Out Day

New Zealand ShakeOut is our national earthquake drill taking place on 17 October 2019.

We will be doing the drill with our children at Hopscotch. Wherever you are at 1.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> October, Do the **Drop, Cover and Hold** drill for 30-60 seconds:

- **DROP** down on your hands and knees. This protects you from falling but lets you move if you need to.
- **COVER** your head and neck (or your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk (if it is within a few steps of you).
- **HOLD** on to your shelter (or your position to protect your head and neck) until the shaking stops. If the shaking shifts your shelter around, move with it.

While you are doing the drill, imagine that it is real and what might be happening around you. Think about what you might need to do before a real earthquake happens to help protect yourself.

## Family Updates

### Early Learning Centre

We welcome Ardie, Boxer, Finlay, Izzy, Levi and Robert to the Early Learning Centre.

We say goodbye to Ava, Devin, Elise, Natalia and Shiloh who are moving up to the Preschool.

We also farewell Rhonda who is leaving the area.

### Preschool

We welcome Ava, Devin, Elise, Natalia and Shiloh from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Ayva, Baeden, Ella, Flynn, Raiden and Van who are off to continue their learning journey at school.

### Staff Updates

- \* We welcome Rebecca to our ELC team. Rebecca is our new Office Manager and will be job sharing with Charlotte. She comes to us with a mountain of admin experience, having previously spent 8 years at Freightlines. Please be patient while Rebecca is learning her new role and remembering all the names and faces of our families. Haere mai Rebecca.



At 1.30pm on 17 October we will be practising the  
right action to take in an earthquake -

**Drop, Cover and Hold**

find out more at [www.shakeout.govt.nz](http://www.shakeout.govt.nz)



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**Shake  
Out** A blue silhouette of the New Zealand map, showing both the North and South Islands.